

## Millennium Challenge Corporation



### GHANA

Ghana was selected to participate in the Millennium Challenge Account program in fiscal years 2004-2006.



#### **General Information:**

**Population:** 21,052,614

**Location:** Western Africa

**Capital:** Accra

**Relative Size:** slightly smaller than Oregon

#### **Economic Statistics:**

**GNI Per Capita:** \$380

**Gross Domestic Product:** \$8.6 billion

**GDP Growth Rate:** 5%

#### **Proposal Goal**

The goal of the proposal is to reduce poverty through private sector-led agribusiness development. Interventions proposed to be supported by the Compact will reduce poverty by increasing farmer incomes and export earnings. Specifically, these investments are designed to increase the production and productivity of high-value cash and food staple crops in some of Ghana's poorest regions and to enhance the competitiveness of Ghana's agricultural products in regional and international markets.

#### **Proposed Results**

The Government of Ghana submitted a Proposal comprised of \$517 million in investments over a 5-year period. Through these investments, Ghana expects to increase substantially the amount of horticultural exports sold in regional and global markets, improve farmers' access to productive agricultural land, improve access to and availability of capital to farmers and agribusiness, and heighten incentives to invest in agribusiness.

Investments supported through the Proposal are expected to:

- Develop the agronomic potential of 80,000 hectares of land
- Create employment opportunities for over 260,000 persons within 10 years
- Improve the welfare and quality of life of over 1 million people within 10 years
- Increase domestic investment by 4 percentage points for 5 years, providing a stimulus to long-term economic growth

#### **Update on Progress**

- Revised Proposal submitted to MCC in October 2005
- Due diligence on Proposal underway